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Letter dated 7 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a written statement in exercise of the right of reply to the statement delivered by Mr. Kim Young Sam of south Korea on 22 October 1995 at the Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the present letter and attached statement circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 29.

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ANNEX

Statement made by the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in exercise of the right of reply

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea responds to the statement by Mr. Kim Young Sam of south Korea at the Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the United Nations (see A/50/PV.35) as follows:

The Korean war was an aggressive war provoked by the United States and its south Korean puppets in an attempt to do away with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea then in its cradle after their prolonged and thorough preparations, and the name of the United Nations was usurped in the Korean war.

Mr. Kim Young Sam asserted in his statement that south Korea was established in accordance with a United Nations resolution in 1948. His assertion has proved of its own accord that south Korea is not a sovereign State but a colony, and that the United Nations has handled the Korean question in the interests of the United States. A sovereign State is not to be established in accordance with a United Nations resolution. Therefore, it is not much to boast of south Korea being established by a resolution of the United Nations.

Korea should be reunified in accordance with the proposal for national reunification by means of confederation put forward by the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

The great leader President Kim Il Sung proposed that national reunification should be realized through confederation based on the concept of one nation and one State, two systems and two Governments, while leaving two different systems and ideas existing in the north and south of Korea as they are.

This proposal fully reflects the reality of the north and south of Korea, characterized by two different ideas and systems, as well as the desire of the entire Korean people for national reconciliation and reunification on the principle of neither side conquering and being conquered by the other, and therefore enjoys active support of people in the north and south as well as that of the people of the world.

We are firmly convinced that Korea will be reunified in accordance with the proposal put forward by the great leader President Kim Il Sung for national reunification through confederation.